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SUBJ: PROPOSED NEW LANDS TRAVEL

1. EXISTANCE OF SPOTTYCROP CONDITIONS CONTINUES
PROBABLY IN VIRGIN LANDS THIS YEAR. BASIS LATEST SOIL
MOISTURE MAPS AVAILABLE AT POST (6/30), AGATT OFFICE CONSIDERS
THAT PAVLODAY, BARNAUL AND OMSK ARE SPRING GRAIN AREAS
TO WHICH TRAVEL WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIREABLE TO IMPROVE OUR GRAIN
CROP ASSESSMENT IN NEW LANDS.

2. UNLESS WASHINGTON SPECIFICALLY ADVISES THAT OTHER NEW
LANDS AREAS ARE MORE CRITICAL, A DIPLOMATIC NOTE WILL
BE SUBMITTED EARLY NEXT WEEK RREQUESTING PERMISSION FOR TRAVEL
OF ASSISTANT AGATT PANASUK TO PAVLODAR AND BARNAUL AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE. APPOINTMENTS FOR FARM VISITS AND MEETINGS WITH
LOCAL AGRICULTURAL AUTHORITIES WILL BE REQUESTED AT SAME TIME.

3. PLEASE ADVISE BY CABLE OTHER IMPORTANT PRODUCING AREAS
WHERE PROBABLE DAMAGE THIS YEAR HAS OCCURRED IN VIRGIN LANDS.
WITH THIS INFORMATION SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE
AREAS CAN BE RAISED BY PANASUK IN NEW LANDS AND BY
TRICK AT FINAL MIN. AG. MEETING WITH SPRING WHEAT TEAM
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